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FRACAS ON SHIP.

Police Defied On s.s.
"Angers."

RECORD DOPE SEIZURE.

Coolness Shown Against Hostility
Of Crew.

Defiance was shown by members of the French Mail, s.s. "Angers," in Hongkong harbour this morning to a party of Police and some Revenue Officers.

Serious consequences were averted by the coolness of those in authority. Restraining their tempers under great provocation, they "held out" till reinforcements arrived and order was restored.

Meanwhile a seizure of dope—believed to comprise morphine and cocaine—was effected. The value is put roughly at half a million dollars. This is thought to be a record.

Arms were also found on the ship and two of the crew were under arrest.

Those Concerned.

At daylight, the Imports and Exports posse put off from shore simultaneously with the arrival of the "Angers" from Marseilles, via Saigon.

In charge were Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke and Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt. There were four European officers including R.O.'s Ward and Beattie, and some Chinese.

This batch were searching in the passenger accommodation for drugs and other possible contraband.

Det. Sub-Inspector K. Andrew, with two European sergeants, led a small detachment from the Water Police to carry out the routine search for arms.

The Police found arms and ammunition. Two of the crew were arrested in connection with the seizure.

UGLY GESTURES MADE.

About fifty of the crew assumed a threatening aspect and the gangway was pulled up, the police and revenue officers being virtual prisoners aboard. Serious developments were averted, although ugly gestures were made.

In the interval between the arrival of further police, (the pulling up of the gangway had been noticed and interpreted as meaning possible trouble) accompanied by the French Consul who had been communicated with in the meantime, nothing serious occurred although the situation was pregnant with possibilities.

CAPTAIN FLOUTED.

Strictly, the Revenue officers were not concerned with the taking into custody of the two seamen. But seeing their brother officers in difficulties, they had to stand by.

The "China Mail" is informed by eyewitnesses that one or two of the ship's complement were particularly truculent.

Even when the captain forbade them to hoist up the gangway, one man is alleged to have given the winch another turn to tighten things up, and then to have sulked away.

Order had been practically restored when Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, boarded the ship.

The prisoners were held and it was decided not to proceed with anything in the nature of obstructing the police or attempting to evade arrests, etc.

NOT EXTRADITE HERE.

Upon the arrival of the Consul, the misunderstanding which had led to the attitude adopted by the members of the crew was made clear. It appears that the ship had, some time ago, been involved in similar trouble at Shanghai where, acting in accordance with the extraterritorial rights applicable there, the French authorities had taken the matter in hand and arrested the members of the crew in question.

The crew were under the impression that such extraterritorial laws applied equally to Hongkong as to Shanghai, not being aware that in a British port matters pertaining to law and order are the province of the British authorities.

BEING CHARGED TODAY.

In view of the fact that a French gunboat was in harbour the crew believed that they were within their rights in demanding that any action taken in respect of the members of the crew found with arms in their possession

H.E.'S BIRTHDAY.

GUEST OF HONOUR AT
TAIPO.

TODAY'S CEREMONY.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., on the occasion of his birthday to-day, is to be the guest of honour of the Kai Fong at Taipo this afternoon, the entertainment commencing at 3 p.m. and extending into the evening.

Other members of the Government and prominent Chinese residents will be present at the ceremony which is to commence with the firing of crackers and the firing of seventeen guns, and welcoming music (including the singing of special songs by the pupils of Government Schools).

A special congratulatory address in Chinese will be read to His Excellency the Governor.

The proceeding also include the entertainment of guests to dinner.

ROCCO BEATEN.

BROKE A MARBLE TABLE
AT RESTAURANT.

TO PAY COMPENSATION.

Rococo, the circus clown, found himself in trouble at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

He was charged with damaging a marble table and a sugar bowl at a Chinese restaurant where he had gone to have a cup of coffee.

The Magistrate (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill) amended the charge to one of disorderly conduct while under the influence of liquor.

Rococo pleaded guilty and offered to make good the damage by paying in instalments, as he was out of work at present.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, or ten days' hard labour. He also ordered the payment of \$20 as compensation for the damage, or two weeks' hard labour in default.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hongkong and coast is: moderate east winds, fair to showery.

For the Formosa Channel it is: moderate N.E. winds.

At 10.50 a.m. the Observatory reported: Pressure has increased moderately at Valdivostock and slightly in S.W. districts. There may be a typhoon to the S.E. of Naha, but this is not certain. Moderate monsoon should be expected along the E. coast of China.

Local meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 29.85; temperature 78°; humidity 90%; wind E.S.E. force 2; weather overcast.

A Chinese owned dog was taken to Kennedy Town for observation on Monday. The animal attacked a Chinese who was treated at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

should be by the French authorities. As soon as the position was explained to them by the Consul the arrest of the two men was effected without further trouble and they were taken from the ship by the police officials.

The two men in question are to be charged to-day at the Kowloon Magistracy with the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

In what amounted to a fracas, the Revenue party held on to their seizure.

JAPANESE IN CUSTODY.

Later in the day, a number of trunks and satchels were observed to be landed at the Imports and Exports office, where a grimy batch of men in blue dungarees turned out to be the revenue officers.

A Japanese passenger on the "Angers" was arrested. He is believed to have boarded the ship at Marseilles.

In connection with seizure of "dope," it is stated that the keys to the packages could not be found at the time but further developments are expected.

In the absence of an official statement, the estimate of \$50,000 as being the value of the drug is given with reserve. At any rate, the quantity looked to be formidable enough to be "a hold at the Central Magistracy on Friday afternoon."

IS YOUR RENT UP?

TENANTS INVITED TO
WRITE IN.

ALLEGED INCREASES.

Tenants—both Chinese and foreign—are invited to write to the "China Mail," giving particulars of rentals, having been raised since the Restriction Ordinance lapsed on July 1.

CAFE'S COMPLAINT.

A rather well-known restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central prefers no names mentioned for obvious reasons. On account of "dull business," it is increasingly difficult to bear the burden" and the writer therefore says:

Rent formerly \$25 per month; in 1922 raised to \$40; after the Rents Restriction Ordinance, legal notice was given that the rent was to be put up another \$100.

SHARING THE BURDEN.

The tenant of a tenement flat in Pottinger Street explains that "because the burden is too heavy" he has to divide the space into six cubicles. He thanks all those public-spirited people who are

HOLDING OUT.

ALLIES' DEFENCE OPERATIONS SUCCEED.

WU PEI-FU IN CHARGE.

Hankow, Aug. 29. The Allies are still holding the Tsing-Chiuchow line.

Wu Pei-fu has established his headquarters at Ho-Sheng-Chiao, whence he is personally directing the operations.

Meantime Allied reinforcements are constantly arriving from the North.

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His Honour held that the suggestion for alterations had been misinterpreted as a new order and found for defendants.

ASSAULT CHARGE.

MALAYS INVOLVED IN A CASE.

The story of a domestic tangle between Malays was related before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning when Hashim, unemployed, and Ussof, chauffeur, were charged with assaulting one Abdul Hamed at Wanchai on Saturday night.

Another man named Yashim, who should have been the chief defendant, was absent, as he had left on the s.s. "Tanda" where he was employed as a deck hand. This man married the complainant's step-sister ten years ago, but deserted her two years later.

The woman lived in a boarding house. A feeling of jealousy was stated to have sprung up between the errant husband and the complainant, which was the motive for the assault.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, who appeared for the complainant, gave these facts and pressed the case against the first defendant, who, being without work, was a frequent visitor at the boarding house.

His Worship fined the first defendant \$25 and ordered the payment of \$10 to the complainant as compensation. In addition he was bound over to keep the peace. The second defendant was also bound over for future good behaviour.

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An inquiry into the death of several Chinese at the No. 3 pumping station during the flood will be held at the Central Magistracy on Friday afternoon.

A SIGN BOARD.

FRENCH CAFE SUED FOR COST.

UNDEFENDED SUIT.

The Europe Asia Trading Co. and Cafe Parcien were the defendants in an action brought against them in the Summary Court this morning by R. Corney and Company, glass and mirror manufacturers, for cost of installing a sign board and fittings, the cost of which was claimed as \$266.

The suit was undefended but Mr. L. R. Andrews, for the plaintiffs, said that he had communicated with the defendant's solicitors. A cheque for \$100 had been sent to plaintiffs. The plaintiff held out for his full claim.

The manager of plaintiff firm, in the witness box, said that he had called three times for payment and had been refused on the grounds that the characters were not well written.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff.

GIFT TO ACTOR.

SUBJECT OF COURT ACTION.

TAIPEH THEATRE SUED.

A presentation silk screen made for a famous Chinese actor (Mr. Ching Yim-chow) who was in Hongkong in July was the subject of a claim in the Summary Court this morning, the Tai Ping Theatre being defendants.

Mr. W. B. Hind was for plaintiffs, a Chinese firm supplying silk and other fancy goods; Mr. F. E. Nash was for defendants.

It was claimed on behalf of plaintiffs that the Nan Yang Tobacco Company ordered the screen in the first place to act as a stage decoration at a performance given by the "star" and it was made according to their specifications and the Company had paid for that.

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LOCAL REGULATIONS.

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The following draft convention on life and personal injury claims by passengers has been drawn up and approved by the Comite Maritime International.

In this convention the following words are employed with the meanings set out below:—(a) Shipowner includes the owner or charterer of any ship who enters into a contract to carry one or more passengers on board such ship; (b) Passenger includes any person who is so carried under any such contract for reward to the shipowner. This definition is subject to the provisions of article 3 of the convention; (c) Ship includes any vessel on board of which a passenger is carried for reward to the shipowner; (d) Voyage covers the whole period while the passenger is on board, and during the process of embarkation and disembarkation, whether directly from or to the shore, or by gangway or ladder, or by means of tenders, tugs, ferries, or other craft.

These definitions are subject to the provisions of article 16.

2. Every shipowner shall insure all passengers against all risks of death or personal injury incurred upon the voyage in accordance with Schedule A annexed hereto.

3. Each of the high contracting parties shall be at liberty to make special provisions applicable to the carrying of (1) pilgrims, and (2) coolies, and other similar workers provided that such provisions secure to such persons equitable insurance.

4. Such insurance shall cover all risks of accident causing the death of, or personal injury to, the passenger, and the shipowner shall pay the amount insured to (1) the passenger, or, in the case of death (2) to the person nominated in that behalf by the passenger in the policy of insurance, or (3) if there be no nominer to such persons or authority as may be appointed by the national law of the passenger to receive the same.

Such insurance shall cover all accidents from whatsoever cause, even though caused by negligence or want of reasonable care on the part of the passenger.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the shipowner shall not in any case be liable to indemnify the passenger or the personal representatives of a deceased passenger, wherever the personal injury or death are directly caused by the wilful misconduct of the passenger.

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HOW GOODS GET THROUGH THE CORDON.

UP-COUNTRY INCIDENT.

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Pakka Kongmoon, Aug. 26.

Another brush with strike pickets has been reported. The trouble was over cargo brought from Hongkong and the pickets were defeated.

"Smuggled" goods get through the cordon by way of Taushan whence the merchandise is transported inland by rail.

The preventive detectives, railway guards and police at Kungyick are alleged to have come to an understanding with the merchants. At least, merchants hint that judicious "presents" here and there have resulted in stuff getting through.

Then pickets seized two loaded trucks on the midday train from Taushan.

The owner, backed by a detachment from the Kungyick merchants' militia, "dealt with" the picket leader and recovered his wares.

The matter has been reported to Strike Headquarters in Canton.

issue a policy to any passenger for an amount exceeding ten times the amount insured under Schedule A. Each of the high contracting parties shall be at liberty to require all or particular categories of passengers belonging to its nationality to insure under article 13 such additional amounts under Schedule B as such high contracting party shall fix.

14. Nothing in this convention shall operate to prevent a shipowner from re-insuring his liabilities under the insurances aforesaid with any mutual insurance association, insurance company, or underwriters.

Shipowner Not Subject to Insurance Laws.

15. No ship shall be allowed to carry passengers or to put to sea at any time with passengers on board unless the shipowner shall have in his possession at such time a certificate issued by the Government of the country under whose flag his ship is sailing certifying that such shipowner is insured wholly or in part in such manner and form as may be required by such Government against liabilities in respect of policies issued by him to passengers on board his ship with mutual insurance associations, insurance companies, or underwriters approved in that behalf by such Government, or, if not so insured, that such shipowner is in a position to pay any claims in respect of the policies held by passengers on board all ships belonging to him at such time. Such certificates shall be approved on a condition of reciprocity by all contracting Governments.

16. Each high contracting party shall be at liberty to exempt from the operation of this convention:

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KASHIGAR	9,005	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	7th Sept.	Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	14th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,318	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,002	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MIRZAPORE	6,715	23rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAKA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Okawa and Yokohama
TANDA	6,056	2nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORRE	6,853	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,089	20th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALVA	10,341	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Okawa and Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,002	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MIRZAPORE	6,715	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAKA	9,128	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,056	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	13th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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NYANZA	7,023	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	1st April	Shanghai, Moji, Okawa & Yokohama

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS.

The French liner "Angers" arrived this morning from Marseilles, with cargo and about 83 saloon passengers, of which 40 are disembarking at Hongkong, and the other 43 passengers are going beyond Hongkong. The "Angers" also brought mail from Marseilles. She will be despatched at 6 p.m. to-day for the Japanese ports.

Bound for Seattle on her return trip, the s.s. "President Jefferson" will leave port to-day at 5 p.m. with passengers, and about 600 tons of general cargo and United States mail. She will go via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The s.s. "Kosho Maru" of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, arrived yesterday afternoon from Singapore and is en route to Japan. She will leave port to-morrow afternoon for Kobe and Yokohama with cargo only.

The s.s. "Tjissaluk" of the J.C.J.L. arrived to-day at noon from Amoy and is scheduled to leave port to-morrow at daylight with cargo for Java.

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From Europe, the s.s. "Kashgar" of the P. & O. is expected to arrive in port to-morrow at daylight with cargo, passengers and mail. She will be despatched for Kobe, Yokohama via Shanghai on September 3 at daylight.

From Shanghai, the s.s. "Alabama Maru" is expected to arrive in port this afternoon. She will be despatched for Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver to-morrow afternoon.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. and O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Singapore for this port on August 23 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day, at about 6 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 7 p.m. and is due here on September 3 at about 6 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" will leave Amoy for this port on September 4 at p.m. and is due here on September 5 at about 6 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada", Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wooong), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on September 3.

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LEAGUE COUNCIL.

NEW FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR COMMITTEE.

SEARCH FOR A FORMULA.

London, Aug. 31. Sir Austen Chamberlain has departed for Geneva to attend the Council on September 2 and the Assembly on September 6.

At Geneva the League Committee appointed to consider the future composition of the Council discussed at great length yesterday a French amendment to Article II of the scheme approved last May as regards the re-election of non-permanent members of the Council.

The amendment is mainly designed to placate Spain.

Lord Cecil said that Great Britain was satisfied in May with the scheme, but would agree to any workable plan; therefore, he favoured the French amendment, which assured the re-eligibility of non-permanent members. But, as the wording could be variously interpreted he (Lord Cecil) proposed that the amendment be referred to the Drafting Committee.

This proposal was adopted.

The French amendment provides that a retiring member can only be re-eligible by a two-thirds majority of either the Council or the Assembly. In any case the number of members elected shall not exceed one-third of the total number of non-permanent members.

The French amendment is apparently the result of recent pourparlers between Great Britain, France, and Germany.

The Drafting Committee to-day found the task of finding a formula to satisfy all parties difficult.—Reuter.

Temporary Arrangement.

Geneva, Aug. 31. The Drafting Sub-Committee, after a protracted discussion on the French amendment, to Lord Cecil's scheme for the re-eligibility of non-permanent members of the Council, agreed to a temporary arrangement whereby non-permanent members will be exceptionally admitted to the Council of the League at the forthcoming election, but at subsequent elections re-eligibility will only be applicable on the expiration of a member's term of office and not at the beginning of his tenure.

In other respects Lord Cecil's scheme holds good with slight modifications.—Reuter.

Germany Alone.

Geneva, Aug. 31. The outcome of yesterday's discussions is that Germany alone will be admitted to a permanent seat on the Council with nine non-permanent members.

It is noteworthy that Poland waived her claim for simultaneous election with Germany.

Spain's attitude has hitherto been unchanged.

At present there is no unprospect of Tangier being discussed at Geneva.—Reuter.

QUAKE SHOCK.

GREAT DAMAGE IN AZORES.

London, Aug. 31. Reuter is informed that a severe earthquake has occurred in the Azores, causing considerable damage to the town of Fayal.

No details are to hand, so far.—Reuter.

Panic Among Populace.

Lisbon, Aug. 31. It is reported from the Azores that six persons were killed and many injured on Fayal Island in the earthquake, which caused great damage in the capital, Horta, and throughout the country.

Cracks appeared in the streets and a number of houses collapsed. The terror-stricken population is camping in the squares.—Reuter.

British Safe.

London, Aug. 31. The Western Union Cable Company, London, learns that all British subjects are safe.

The shock was also felt at Livramento, near Ponta Delgada, but no damage was caused.—Reuter.

50 Fatnlites.

Lisbon, Aug. 31. The Governor at Faria cables that 50 have been killed in the earthquake.

The Government has ordered a cruiser to proceed to Fayal to render assistance.—Reuter.

FRENCH ACES.

OUT TO BREAK NEW RECORDS.

Paris, Aug. 31. The airmen, Challe and Weizer, are renewing their attempt to break the record in flying in straight line. They hopped off this morning in the direction of the Persian Gulf—Havas.

DEBTS WRANGLE.

OPINIONS ON CANCELLATION SUGGESTION.

U.S. PRESS DIVIDED.

New York, Aug. 31.

The Republican papers deplore Mr. Newton Baker's debt cancellation suggestions.

The New York Tribune says that the suggestion is inopportune, and will merely lead to misconception and confusion.

The New York Times, however, in supporting Mr. Baker's article, cites Mr. Andrew Mellon as saying: "A prosperous Europe would be worth far more in dollars to the United States than any possible return from war debts."

The New York World expresses the opinion that sooner or later Mr. Baker's argument will prevail. It adds that it would be rash to predict a mutual cancellation of debts, but a revision of the present agreements is certain in the near future.—Reuter.

COOLIDGE UNMOVED.

Paul Smith's, Aug. 31.

Although President Coolidge, it is reported, has not read Mr. Newton Baker's article in connection with the war debts, the President's opinion, it is stated, favours no change in the United States war debts policy.

President Coolidge does not anticipate that the Senate will reverse its decision regarding the World Court.—Reuter.

HEROIC SAILORS.

DETAILS OF RUSSIAN DISASTER.

Moscow, Aug. 31.

563 passengers were aboard at the time of the disaster. Lifeboats from the port saved 285, while many others saved themselves. The majority of the passengers are inhabitants of Kronstadt, who were returning with their families after spending Sunday in Leoparid. The heroism of the sailors, many of whom perished, prevented the boilers from exploding and saved many women and children. Panic was prevented by the lowering of the firemen's pouts. The captain's wife and children were asleep in a locked cabin, the key of which was kept by the captain, who perished.—Reuter.

FOR COOLIDGE.

PHILIPPINES PLEBISCITE BILL.

Manila, Aug. 31.

The House of Representatives has passed the Bill to hold a nationwide plebiscite on the Independence Bill already re-passed by the Senate and vetoed twice by Governor-General Wood.

It will now be sent to President Coolidge, who must approve or disapprove in six months. It is expected locally that President Coolidge will disapprove.—Reuter.

ANY GOOD.

POSER FOR BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.

London, Aug. 31.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. Looker, who urged the Foreign Office to see that adequate steps are taken to protect British subjects in Hankow in case of hostilities reaching there, and also at Canton, Mr. Looker Lamson said the Government were watching events in China most carefully.

Mr. Looker asked: "Was it any good watching events in China from here, when British subjects were endangered?"

To this there was no reply.—Reuter.

FENG AT URGA.

PEKING REPORTS A MOTOR RIDE.

Peking, Aug. 31.

It appears that Feng Yu-hsiang, from Verneudinsk, proceeded up the river Selenga to the main road, after which he motored and arrived in Urga on August 29.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

DOMINION PREMIERS TO VISIT IT.

Rugby, Aug. 31.

Arrangements are being made for the Dominion Premiers coming to Britain for the Imperial Conference to visit the Atlantic Fleet at sea on Sunday by the "President Grant" October 20.—British Wireless Service.

BALKAN PACT.

DESIRE TO SAFEGUARD PEACE.

BULGARIAN POLICY.

Sofia, August 31.

The Bulgarian Note replying to Greece, Roumania, and Jugoslavia is most conciliatory. It emphasises a desire to safeguard the peace of the Balkans. The Bulgarian Government is doing its utmost to check Comitadjii activities, which it declares have wide ramifications outside Bulgaria. It urges the co-operation of all four countries in this connection, and finally declares its readiness to submit the question to the League of Nations, whose recommendations it promises to accept.—Reuter.

POLAR HERO.

WORK FOR THE NORGE PILOT.

IN U.S.A. AND JAPAN.

Rome, Aug. 31.

General Nobile who was the pilot of the Norge on the Polar expedition, in an interview, said that he had accepted an invitation from the United States to supervise for some months the work of the American Aeronautical establishment, and thereafter he was going to Japan on a similar errand.—Reuter.

SPAIN'S DEMAND.

RUSSIA DEMANDS TO BE CONSULTED.

OFFICIAL INTIMATION.

Moscow, Aug. 31.

With reference to Spain's demand for re-consideration of the Treaty of Algeciras, to which Russia is a signatory, it is stated that the Soviet Government will not recognise any amendments thereto made without the consent of Russia.—Reuter.

NAVAL RELIEFS.

THREE CRUISERS DUE IN OCTOBER.

London, Sept. 1.

Three cruisers, the Caravat, Castor and Dartmouth, are due on China station at the end of October with reliefs.

Submarine L27 will simultaneously arrive in Hongkong to replace submarine L9.—Reuter.

SMYRNA PLOT.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR A TURK.

Constantinople, Aug. 31.

The Independence Tribunal has sentenced Abdul-Kadir to death in connection with the recent Smyrna plot, and he will be hanged to-night.—Reuter.

DANCERS ARRIVE.

DENISHAWN COMPANY IN HONGKONG.

CHAT WITH MR. STROK.

This morning Miss Ruth St. Denis, Mr. Ted Shawn and the Denishawn Dancers arrived in Hongkong on the French mail s.s. "Angora."

In a chat with Mr. A. Strok, the "China Mail" learned something about the activities of these wonderful artists after their last visit to this Colony.

Perhaps the two Chinese members on the Legislative Council will also a few pointed questions with reference to the above for the benefit of the greatest number.

IS YOUR RENT UP?

(Continued from Page 1.)

very little refer to the Chinese tenants or those living in Chinese flats and I may be excused in adding to the above the view from another angle.

There are many newly built houses or flats empty in the eastern district near the Bowrington Canal and yet those living near there for the past few years or more are subject to increase of rent although the rent they are paying is high enough for that district and in some cases is high as or higher than the rent for new flats. I paid \$22 rent for my flat in 1918 and in a year or two it was raised to \$25 and on account of the rent restriction it was not raised until July of last year when it was increased by 15 per cent, making it \$28.75 and now I received notice of another increase to \$32. The decontrol of rent has given landlords opportunities to put the screw on the tenants. They appear to have an unwritten agreement between themselves in putting up rent of their occupied houses knowing that those living in one house for many years will not care to move away just for a matter of \$2.50 rise although other flats could be got for the same or a little less amount as many tenants could ill-afford to face the heavy expenses of finding a new flat and putting on new fittings such as electric wiring, etc., not to say of the inconvenience of removing.

The new "condition" of the Hongkong Electric Co. of charging deposits of \$5 or very nearly \$5 for each light against new consumers and also old consumers who moved from one place to another is a further hardship on the poor householders. Deposits are to guard against possible bad debts and the interest of the company will be well guarded if such amounts be equal to the approximate cost of three months' current consumed.

The average consumer uses about 30 cents worth of current per light per month and a deposit of say \$2 per light would be ample, with a minimum deposit of say \$10. The company is in a very flourishing state and there is no reason to be so hard on the consumers.

The Tramway Co. can also help by running a continuous service of cars from the Post Office to Quarry Bay or North Point throughout the year, to serve the houses in these parts of the island. Instead of for a few hours only and that during the summer evenings. Many would-be tenants of those many empty houses at North Point and Whiffield think twice before moving down there as it is very inconvenient to change cars at Causeway Bay when coming to town with the additional charges as compared with those living at Race Course and Kennedy Town. There is no actual loss to the company to maintain such a service throughout the year as the opening up of that part of the island amply repay them for what little inconvenience or drop of receipts at the beginning.

A commission was set up to enquire into the bathing facilities of the Colony. Why not set up another commission to go into the high cost of living in the Colony which includes high rent and the high charges for the services of the many public utility companies—transport, lighting, etc. All these companies are very prosperous and paying dividends to their shareholders and accumulating big reserves are not the only requisites of such concerns. The public who patronise them and contribute to their prosperity should be taken into consideration and their charges should be reduced as their profits are increased year by year.

The popular manager spoke feelingly of the tremendous reception they met with during their six months' stay in India.

They played three seasons in Singapore where they won very high praise. Then they went down to Java where they appeared for thirty nights. That season was also deemed a great success.

It is from Java that the company has come here and then they go on to Manila.

They appear to-night at 9.30 at the Queen's Theatre. Mr. Strok spoke about the special lighting effects which were being put up there for the Hongkong performance. A new programme will be presented to-night and the programme will be changed each night.

On Saturday, the last night of the four, a special Chinese ballet will be staged. This piece was shown on the first night at Singapore and won the highest praise.

It is not often that Hongkongites have an opportunity to see dancers of such merit. Mr. Strok and his company are already known here and Press tributes from all over the world have spoken of their deserved reputation.

The Denishawn company leaves on Sunday by the "President Grant" October 20.—British Wireless Service.

H.K.S.P.C.A.

INSPECTORS' REPORT FOR AUGUST.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

Some very interesting figures are shown in the combined report of the inspectional work of the Inspectors of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals during the past month which reads:

Transport.

Poultry, crates..... 3880

Poultry on trucks and lorries, loads..... 246

Poultry in junks and ferries, crates..... 140

Poultry by rail, crates and baskets..... 360

Pigs in trucks and in baskets..... 1598

Pigs..... 942

Pigs by rail..... 89

Cattle in junks..... 246

Cattle ashore..... 245

Sheep and goats in junks..... 24

Sheep and goats ashore..... 140

Dogs by rail..... 1

Cats by rail..... 4

Goats by rail..... 5

Armadillo by rail..... 1

Terripins by rail, basket..... 1

Cats for sale in market, Tai Po..... 6

Dogs for sale in market, Tai Po..... 31

Cows for sale in market, Tai Po..... 3

Monkeys..... 6

Imports..... 1

Poultry, crates..... 3069

Pigs..... 13895

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

On Tuesday, three fresh cases of enteric fever (typhoid) were notified. All three patients are Chinese, one from Kowloon and two from the city.

M. Pierre Wertheimer's famous horse Epinal, the winner of the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood in 1923, is to be sent shortly to the United States, where it will stand at stud at Mr. James Cox Brady's stud farm at Lexington, Kentucky.

Peking, August 17.—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has lodged a protest with the Russian Ambassador, concerning the alleged infringement on the sovereignty of China in an agreement for the construction of railroads in Outer Mongolia.

In view of the increasing population of Chapei, certain Chinese merchants have petitioned to the Directorate of the Port of Shanghai and Woosung for a permit to erect a magnificent up-to-date hotel near the Shanghai-Nanking Railway station.

Peking, August 24.—At today's meeting of the Cabinet, the proposal made by the Naval Department to erect an observatory in Hsishatuo, Island of Hong Kong, was passed. At the meeting, it was also decided to prohibit Japanese from managing observatories in the Island and to instruct the Waichiapu to conduct negotiations with the Japanese Minister for that purpose.

The mountain in Rhymney Valley, between Pontytyd and Troedrhiwfuwch, Glamorgan, has again started to move, and large fissures have appeared into one of which a horse fell and was rescued with difficulty. A reservoir which has cracked is being drained of water. The movement of this mountain has been going on for a number of years, and as a result considerable damage has been done in the past.

Calcutta, July 8.—The most humiliating affront that one Indian can offer to another is to beat him with a shoe, and such assaults have not infrequently been followed by murder. A man named Radharam, who, on hearing the order of an Indian sub-judge at Mooltan, hit the judge in the face with his shoe, has been sentenced by a British magistrate to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

The following bulletin signed by Dr. K. Black and Dr. R. M. Dannatt was issued in Kuala Lumpur at 11 a.m. on August 23. His Excellency Sir Laurence Guillemaud continues to progress satisfactorily. No further bulletin will be issued.

A mannequin parade, promoted by a firm of drapers, was witnessed by 3,500 people at the south beach bathing pool, Scarborough. Ten girls in vivid coloured bathing costumes, the colours of which it is claimed are proof against even salt water, paraded on the terraces and around the pool.

Another famous Chinese scholar has just passed away in the French Concession, Shanghai, this being Mr. Chu Shih-sung, a Hanlin scholar and poet, at the age of 66. Mr. Chu was the author of a number of standard classical and historical works and was the honorary editor of several local papers.

Passengers due to arrive from Europe to-morrow by a.s. "Kashgar" include: Mr. D. Beath, Mr. J. T. Christie, Mr. A. da Reesa, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lissaman, Lt.-Comdr. R. Leeds, R.N., Surg. Lt.-Comdr. A. W. North, R.N., Mr. D. W. Phillips, Mr. Philip, Eng.-Lieut. J. T. Roberts, R.N., Mr. D. M. J. Sheil Small, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson.

The Rev. A. E. Hillard, the High Master of St. Paul's School, Hammersmith, W., at the school prize distribution said that it seemed to be the fashion now to find out what a boy wanted to do and let him do it, and to call that education. He did not accept that. St. Paul's aimed to prepare their boys to be always ready to do what they did not want to do if it required doing.

An offer of \$4,000 has been made to the Oxford Diocesan Board by a 62-years-old woman on condition that \$200 per annum is paid to the donor for the remainder of her life, and that the capital sum of \$4,000 is used for executing repairs to the elementary schools in the Oxford Archdeaconry. One member thought there was serious risk and added that it was quite possible for a person to live to 100 in the Oxford Diocese. The Board agreed to accept the offer, subject to the deed of security being approved by the board's solicitor.

On Monday the Colony had a clean bill of health.

The band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who left home in September and who have been playing at the New Zealand South Seas Exhibition at Dunedin, have returned to Britain.

A storm broke out at midnight on the night of August 27, at Pakkai, writes the "China Mail" correspondent who says that the blow was like a hurricane. When morning came, the storm was over, followed by cool weather and a little rain.

Marcato's competition—announced under Gramophone Notes in the "China Mail" last Friday—closed on Friday. Those who wish to take part are reminded to send in their entries in time.

Milan, August 24.—Thieves broke into the famous Scala Theatre and plundered the museum stealing many valuable old relics including the sword which Napoleon Bonaparte presented to Cuidith Pasta, the singer and actress.

Capetown, July 8.—British sportsmen who stalk deer in the Highlands should visit South Africa. A farmer in the Richmond district of the Cape Province, who has about 3,000 springbok on his property, found that they were increasing with such rapidity that there was very little grazing left for his stock. Accordingly he organised a hunt, nine guns accounting in one day for 394 buck.

Peking, August 17.—Whether Chilean saltpetre is a fertiliser or can be used for the manufacture of gunpowder will be tested by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Customs Administration think it a fertiliser and intend to instruct the Customs authorities to release the cargo of Chilean saltpetre seized by the Foochow Customs last month, but the War Ministry contends that it can be used for the manufacture of powder and is therefore a contraband article. The dispute has been referred to the Ministry of Interior for solution.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Queen Marie of Rumania is preparing to formally visit the United States, according to reports which received wide circulation in Washington D.C., August 21, although no official notification has been received.

A Tientsin message reports that since his arrival in Tientsin last Spring, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, ex-Minister of Communications, has been living in complete seclusion and taking no interest in politics, devoting most of his time and around the pool.

Major-General Chu King-tong, commanding the 13th Cantonese (Nationalist) division, has been appointed garrison commissioner of the Five Districts (of Sunning, Sanwei, Yarping, Hoiping and Chek-kai) and the districts of Yeungkong, Lo-ting and She-hing.—Our own correspondent.

The American Consulate-General is interested in securing information as to the whereabouts and welfare of Mr. Ralph Deval, who is reported to have arrived in Shanghai in October 1922. The inquiry comes from his sister, Mrs. A. L. Beers, 38 Bailey Court, Daytona Beach, Florida. Any particulars concerning Mr. Deval's present whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. C. H. B. Joly, acting deputy commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs at Amoy, arrived at Pakkai (Kongmoon) from Macao, on board the Customs launch "Kongmoon," to relieve Mr. Howard, who came to Hongkong on grounds of ill-health. Mr. Howard was in charge of the Customs at Pakkai and is leaving for home.—Our own correspondent.

Washington.—The State Department reports that more than 1,000,000 Europeans who applied for entry into the United States in 1922 were kept out by the immigration quota limitations. In England, with a yearly quota of 34,000, applications to settle in the United States totalled 23,000. This number is unusually large for England and is attributed to the strike of the coal miners.

Tuli Chen Chia-mao of Hupeh has issued an order prohibiting the publication of the "Ta Han Pao," the Kuomintang paper printed in Hankow. The paper was published in the Japanese Concession.

It is reported that three British mining prospectors, who have been seeking gold in the mountainous region in the upper part of the Heiho, a tributary of the Amur, claim to have discovered a promising gold outcrop and to have obtained from Mukden authorities a licence to exploit their discovery.

Peking, August 26.—The American Minister here, who has lodged a protest with the Chinese Government against the proposed flotation of the domestic loan with the security of the surplus funds of the customs revenue, has requested the Japanese, British, and French Ministers to take the same attitude as America towards the insurance of the loan.

An application has been made that a portion of the Imperial City wall, the section east of Coal Hill, be torn down and that materials therefrom be sold to raise money for the Peking Municipality. The Municipality is in financial straits as every other government institution, and so officials seek to obtain funds from selling some of the bricks of the Imperial wall.

The Chinese Government has decided that part of the Italian portion of the Boxer Indemnity should be utilised for the conservancy of Haibao and Haikow. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has now received a despatch from the Netherlands Legation protesting against the project, which is in conflict with the Agreement between the Chinese Government and the Netherlands Syndicate.

The United Chambers of Commerce, Hankow, are evidently out for a busy time. In addition to fighting taxes, they are now reported to have tackled the problem of the Hupeh Provincial Assembly. They state that these members were not elected for life and the time has long passed when they should have retired and another election held. They have therefore informed the Assembly that they must retire and allow the Hupeh people to elect another.

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SPORTS SECTION

COUNTY CRICKET.

Lancashire Champions of Season.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES.

Latest Results, Details And The Table.

London, August 31. Lancashire have won the county cricket championship this season.—Reuter.

For the last few weeks, the two Rose counties have been running neck and neck. Yesterday Lancashire won. Their percentage becomes 75.71. Yorkshire also won and their figure is 74.28. The White Rose have another match to play (starting to-day); if they win this their position only becomes 75.71, so that the Red Rose shire—having completed their programme—finishes first in any case.

Both Rose counties met all the other first-class teams. Lancashire have suffered two defeats—one by Yorkshire and one by Leicestershire—the latter a surprise. Yorkshire (who have won the championship four times in succession since the War) have not been defeated; but they have drawn more matches.

It is necessary to go back to 1904 for the last time that Lancashire were champions.

Kent (who also won) are third. Surrey (who made a great start at the ends just failed to displace Notts for 4th positions) and Middlesex are sixth.

High scores were predicted in yesterday's cable. Details follow:

Lancashire's Victory.

London, Aug. 31. County cricket matches ended to-day resulted:

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Notts by ten wickets. Scores:—Notts (1st) 292 runs, Whysall made 97. A. W. Carr 67. Macdonald took 5 wickets for 93 runs.

Lancs (1st) 454 runs, Wakefield made 180. Tyldesley (E.D.) 140.

Notts (2nd) 199 runs, Payton made 59. Macdonald took 6 for 80.

Lancs (2nd) 38 runs for no wicket.

This match was for the benefit of W. E. Howard, the veteran pavilion attendant at Old Trafford.

Yorkshire Also Win.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan lost to Yorkshire by 100 runs. Scores:—Yorks (1st) 420 runs for 6 wickets, declared. Leyland made 191. Robinson 121 not out.

Glamorgan (1st) 308 runs. Bates made 66. Bell 59. C. F. Walters 69. Robinson took 5 for 56.

Yorks (2nd) 154 runs for 7 wickets, declared. Kilner (R.) made 52.

Glamorgan (2nd) 76 runs. Macaulay took 7 for 32.

Middlesex v. Surrey.

At Lord's, Middlesex lost to Surrey by an innings and 63 runs. Scores:—

Surrey (1st) 579 runs for 5 wickets, declared. Hobbs made 316 not out. D. R. Jardine 103. Sandham 58.

Middlesex (1st) 275 runs. H. L. Dales made 52. Hendren 101 not out.

Middlesex (2nd, followed-on) 241 runs. G. T. S. Stevens made 63. E. R. T. Holmes took 4 for 49.

Northants v. Kent.

At Northampton, Northants lost to Kent by 247 runs. Scores:—Kent (1st) 233 runs. Rumble made 75.

Northants (1st) 121 runs. Freeman (A. P.) took 7 for 49.

Kent (2nd) 386 runs for 6 wickets, declared. Ashdown made 58. C. H. Knott 56. Woolley (F.E.) 217.

Northants (2nd) 251 runs. W. W. Timms made 76. Freeman took 5 for 32.

Hampshire v. Essex.

At Portsmouth, Hampshire lost first innings points to Essex in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Warwick (1st) 485 runs for 7 wickets, declared. G. A. Fiddian Green made 50. Kilner (N.) 76. Parsons 66. Quinie 86. The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe 103 not out.

Somerset (1st) 427 runs. J. C. W. MacBryne made 129. E. F. Longrigg 81 not out.

Warwick (2nd) 203 runs for 5 wickets, Kilner (N.) made 56. Parsons 60 not out.

Gloucester v. Leicester.

At Bristol, Gloucester beat Leicester by 54 runs. Scores:—

Gloucester (1st) 306 runs. Dipper made 77. L. P. Hedges 81.

Leicester (1st) 271 runs. C. H. Taylor made 59.

Gloucester (2nd) 74 runs. Geary took 5 wickets for 29 runs. Astill took 4 for 38, thereby completing his "100 wickets and 1,000 runs" for the sixth successive season.

Leicester (2nd) 55 runs. Parker took 4 for 29 and Mills 6 for 26.

—Reuter.

INTERPORT BOWLS.

"THE BIG FOUR" FOR SHANGHAI.

OUR FORECAST CORRECT.

Immediately after the trial game on the K.C.C. bowling green of August 21 we published a forecast of the selector's choice, and this has proved correct in every detail. Even had a second trial game been played it is doubtful whether any change would have been made, although it may be stated that one of the three selectors was absent from the trial game, whilst on Monday it was rumoured that, as regards two of the players, unanimity might not be reached.

The Selection Committee—Messrs. C. Bond, A. O. Brawn, and W. Russell—met on Monday evening and, in view of the weather conditions, decided not to have a second trial game, but to proceed forthwith to choose the team.

As anticipated, the six selected comprise:—U. M. Omar (Craignowen Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club),—No. 1. A. M. Holland (Kowloon Bowling Green Club),—No. 2.

R. Lapsley (Kowloon Dock R.C.),—No. 3.

W. Wotherspoon (Taikoo R.C.),—Skip.

P. T. Farrell (Kowloon Bowling Green Club),—Reserve.

D. Gow (Kowloon Dock R.C. and Kowloon Bowling Green Club),—Manager.

Messrs. Omar, Lapsley, Wotherspoon, Farrell, and Gow leave on Saturday for Shanghai by the s.r. Suiyang and Holland leave on Monday by the s.s. Haruna Maru.

As previously announced, the interport programme commences on Friday, September 10, with a practice game; then follows a series of games with various clubs.

The interport match between Shanghai and Hongkong will take place on Saturday, September 18, and the interport dinner will be held on the evening of the same day.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the next race meeting to be held on October 9 may be obtained at the Causeway Bay Stables, Hongkong Club annex or the Race Course.

THE "BRITANNIA."

In the H.K.C.C. "hong" doubles lawn tennis yesterday, A. W. Hayward and A. D. Humphreys (Doddell's) rec. 2/6 defeated J. A. Summers and A. Brearley (Chartered Bank), scr. by 6-4, 6-4. The winners meet R. Hancock, and R. E. Greensmith (owe 4/6) in the semi-final.

HOME SOCCER.

MORE RESULTS DURING MID-WEEK.

NORTHERN SECTION.

London, Aug. 31. League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:

Div. III. (North).

Rochdale 3, Crewe 1.

Southport 1, Hartlepools 0.

—Reuter.

AQUATIC FETE.

ENTRIES FOR 2ND NIGHT AT V.R.C.

London, Aug. 31. The match between Sussex and the Australians was left drawn. (Overnight score:—Australia 317 runs, Bardsley 118 not out, Andrews 70; Tate 3 for 66. Gilligan 4 for 67. Cox 3 for 72. Sussex 240 runs, Bowley 69, Holdsworth 49; Grimmett 4 for 63, Milley 4 for 103.)

Third day's play:—

The Australians took their 2nd innings and declared at 153 runs for 4 wickets. C. G. Macartney made 55.

Sussex had made 157 runs for 5 wickets when stumps were drawn. Tate contributed 55. Grimmett took 4 for 42.

(Note: At the close Sussex needed 74 runs for victory, with 5 wickets to fall.)

To-day the attendance was small. The weather was fine and the wicket good.—Reuter.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

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IMPRESSIVE SCENES.

(Continued from Page 6.)

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China Sugar Refining Co. (Town Office staff).

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The District Watchmen and detective staff, Mr. N. R. Shaw, Mr. A. E. Kew, Jardine Portuguese shipping staff, Young Cheung-pong, Pow Kwong and Yuen Wing, Dr. T. C. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kew and family, Mr. and Mrs.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG SEPTEMBER 1, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association	Estate Brokers Share & Rent Society
T.T. on London	2/2	2/2	2/2
T.T. on Shanghai	77/4	77/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1090 b 1100 s	1090 b 1100 s	1100 s
do. London	1026a 1000a	1026a 1000a	1226 s
Chartered Bank	£21 h	£21 h	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. C.	£30 1/2 s	£30 1/2 s	—
P. & O. Bank	£138 b	£138 b	—
Bank of East Asia	£64 b	£64 b	—
Marine-Insurance	£84 s	£84 s	—
Canton Insurance	625 s	625 s	625 s
China Underwriters	1 1/2 s	1 1/2 s	1 1/2 s
North China Insurance	140 b	140 b	—
Union Insurance	288	286 b	286 b
Yangtze Insurance	35 b	40 b	—
Fire Insurances	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	200 b	210 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	620	620	620
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglas	—	—	—
Hongkong Steamboats	25	25 1/2 b	25
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	26 1/2 b	26 1/2 b	26 1/2 b
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	1 1/2 s	2 s	1 1/2 s
do. (Def.) Ltd.	30 b	30 b	30 b
do. () HK	42 b	40 b	—
Oriental Navigation	—	—	—
Shell Transports	—	—	—
Star Ferries	90 b	92 1/2 b	91 b
Water-boats	64 s	62 s	64 s
Refineries	15 1/2 s	15 s	14 b
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Malabon Sugars	36	36 b	36 b
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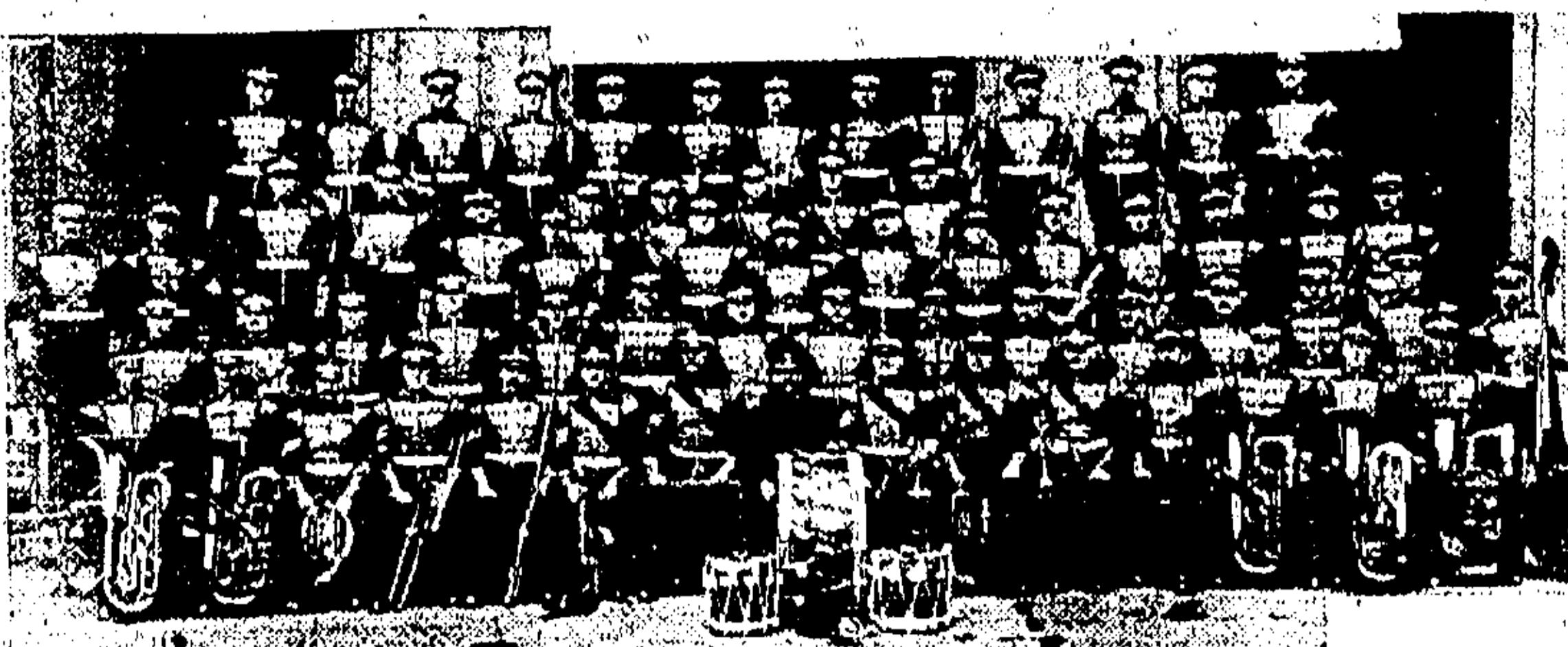
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People and Events in the News of the World



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Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League.



Little Paulina Longworth, daughter of Speaker and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, the granddaughter of the late Theodore Roosevelt, is a prime favourite in Washington. But to her uncle, Theodore Roosevelt, who has but recently returned from Tibet, where he hunted the Ovoo-Poof, she is more than favourite.



The famous murder case of Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills may be reopened. The slain couple are shown above.



Navy Day was recently celebrated at Long Beach, with the men from the Pacific Fleet as the guests of the citizens. Sports of all kinds were indulged in by the sailors and their girls, one of the most amusing being the tossing of a sailor in a blanket.



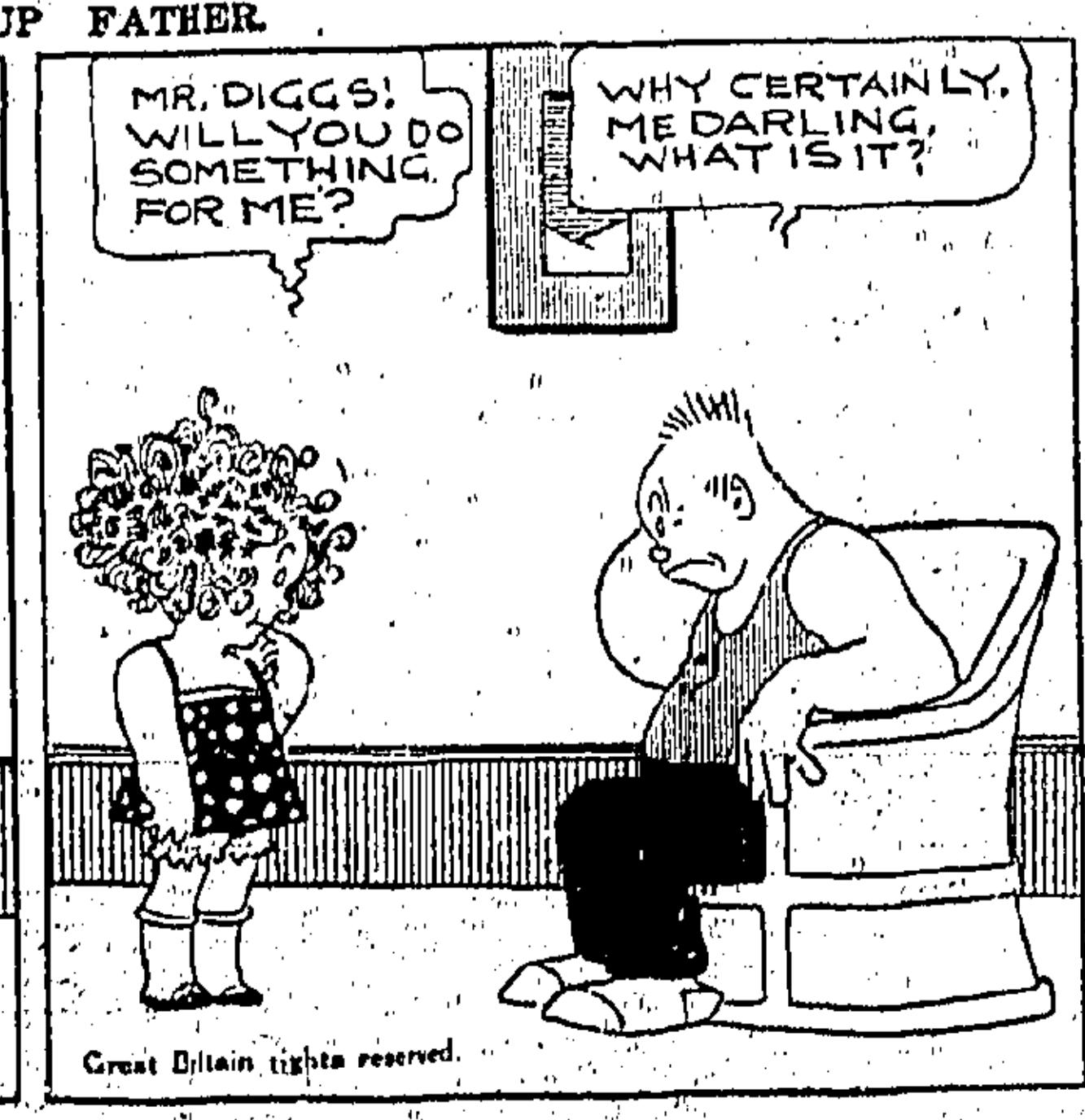
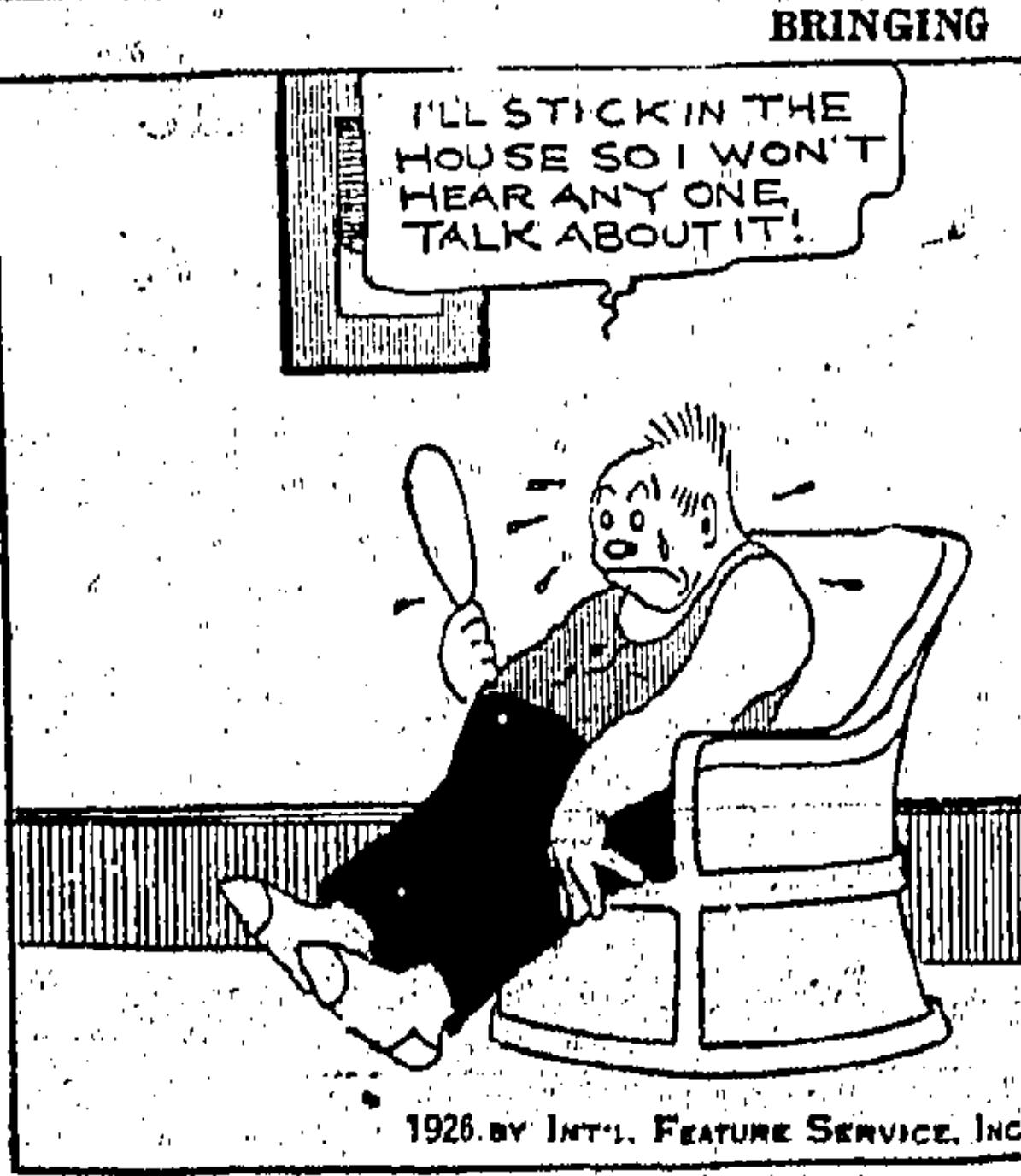
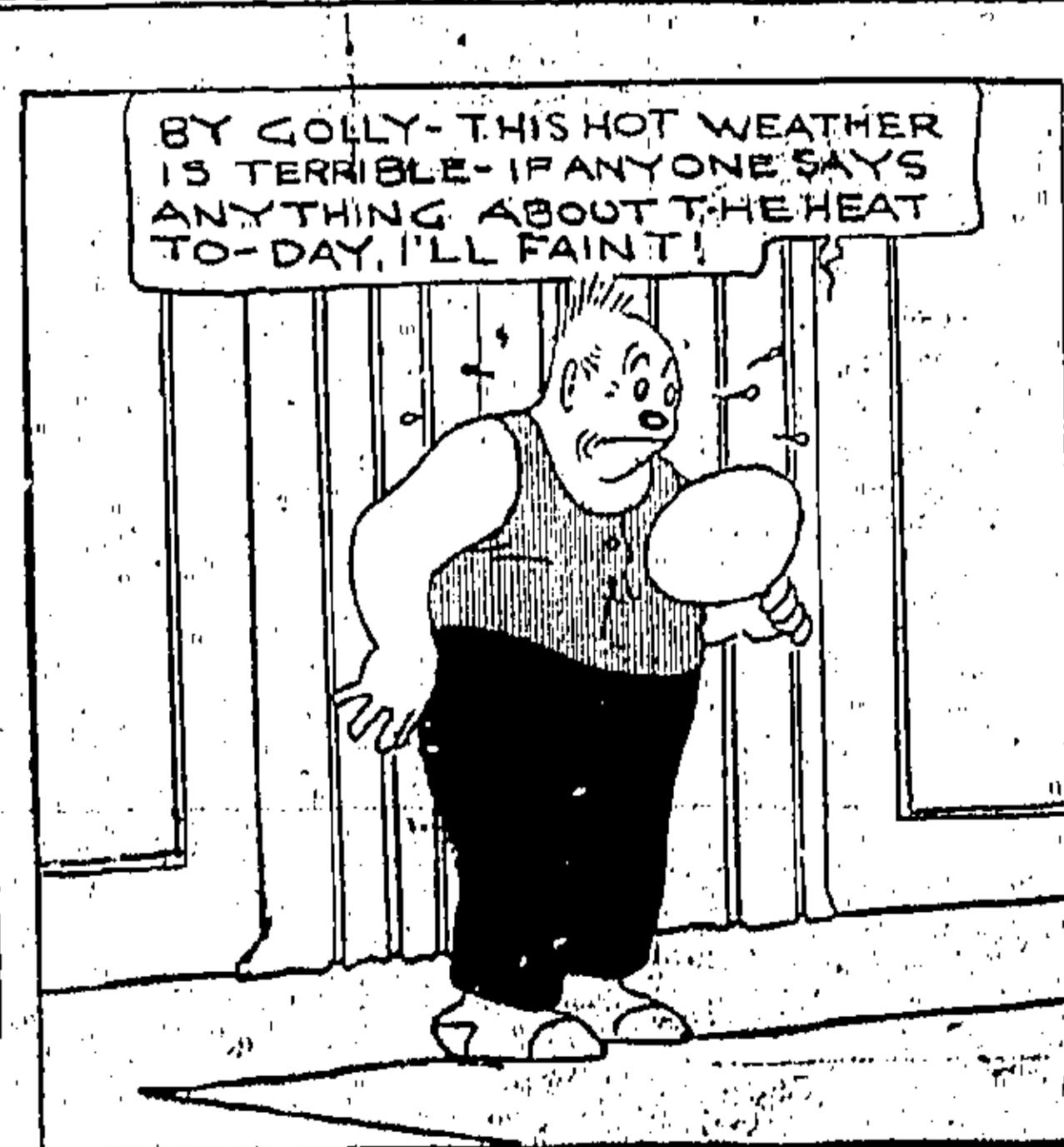
Captain Robert Barlott, a veteran of Commodore Perry's polar expeditions, at the wheel of the schooner *Morriley*, which will convey the American Museum expedition to Greenland. The trip is to add specimens to the already large collection of the museum. A feature of the trip will be a polar bear hunt with bows and arrows.



Dr. Charles G. Abbott, of the Smithsonian Institution, claims that his discoveries prove that the heat of the sun varies, and affects the earth's weather, making possible long range weather forecasting.



Commander Otto C. Dowling, in charge of the arsenal at Lake Denman, considered a hero because of loyalty to duty during the explosion there, was cut and shell shocked. Fear was felt for his eyes. He is shown at a Brooklyn marine hospital.



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NEW HOME IN TIENSIN:

The opening of the new Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building in Tientsin on August 21 was an event of considerable importance in the history of the northern port. The new building was opened by Lady MacLeay, who was accompanied by Sir Ronald MacLeay, the British Minister at Peking. His Excellency and Lady MacLeay were officially received by Mr. Donald Forbes, Tientsin agent of the H. and S. Bank and Mr. Allen from Peking. Others present included the British, Japanese and Italian Consuls-General and the Chairman of the British Municipal Council, as well as other leading citizens and officials of the port.

Lady MacLeay in her speech, paid a beautiful tribute to the late Mr. A. G. Stephen, former manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong.

"Since that memorable day in March, 1924, to which I have alluded," she said, "a notable figurehead in the history of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has passed to silent silence. Let me pay a short tribute to the honoured name of Mr. Stephen, a personality and a friend whom, in the pleasure of memory, all who were associated with or even worked under him will always be happy to recall. He had great qualities, vision, perseverance and driving force, and none could ever detect in him, any personal motive, save that of giving the best of his energy and judgement to the work he had undertaken and with the fame of a great financier, he leaves behind him, the fragrant memory of a noble nature, a loyal friend and a true patriot."

Lady MacLeay regretted the absence of Mr. G. H. Stitt, late manager of the Shanghai branch of the Bank, who had succumbed to a desire to return home, propelled also by health reasons.

"And I believe his present ambition is to revel in all the pastimes of a country squire," said Lady MacLeay. "I like to think of him now, released from all the worries in connection with the rates of exchange and the fluctuations of Chinese domestic bonds discussing perchance the raising of pheasants with his Game Keeper, instead of the full of silver with his Shanghai brokers." (Laughter).

Lady MacLeay paid a great tribute to the architects of the new building which she described as "this new treasure mart of the Empire which has been erected with all the care and skill that British enterprise and genius could devise."

"A trio of eminent authors," she continued, "one of them a local celebrity—have been at great pains to tell us, each in his own character,

istic style, some unvarnished facts about the Chinese Republic, the reasons for Chinese enigmatical outlook, and the precise nature of the ailments from which this unfortunate country is suffering. Now the erection of these vast new premises of Wayfoong, together with the recent completion of the Chartered Bank and other fine business houses in the neighbourhood, seem to me to belie, at any rate in so far as the prosperity of Tientsin is concerned, the pessimistic predictions of these able but somewhat caustic critics, as the men who direct these great banking houses would scarcely not have launched upon such mighty constructions of brick and mortar unless they had had the justification of successful transactions in the past, and the conviction of increased business in the future. (Applause).

It is in the same spirit of optimism and confidence in the prosperity of British trade in North China and in the ever increasing development of this great Treaty port, that I would venture to offer my warm congratulations to Mr. Barlow and to the other Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of this signal proof of their courage and foresight, and to express to you, Mr. Forbes, and to all the members of your staff, my earnest good wishes for the success and welfare of your new Bank. (Cheers). Under your wise care and administration and that of your successors, may it go on thriving—if bleached and seared by time, yet untouched by decay—and if lashed by thousand storms of politics and revolutions, like some mighty lighthouse, firmly built on rock, never submerged." (Loud applause).

Other Speakers. Col. P. C. Young, Chairman of the British Municipal Council then proposed the toast of the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation" and added a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. He described the new building as "combining the studied luxuriance of the Savoy Hotel with the solemn dignity of the Frogmore Mausoleum."

Mr. Donald Forbes briefly sketched the history of the Bank, stating how the "glamour of the past is gone and the difficulties of transition remain with us." We look forward with confidence founded on past achievement to a future of steady development, to continued cordial relations with the merchants of all countries and to still greater usefulness in China, the land of our adoption."

The speaker then presented Lady MacLeay with a small memento of the occasion amid cheers. The presentation consisted of a beautiful diamond bracelet which "was graciously accepted."

Those present then took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the new building, its interior and appointments, admiring its coloured marbled pillars, granite walls, coloured mosaic floors and its ex-

tensive courtyards. While the exterior is impressive in its proportioned solidity, the interior has been designed with oriental splendour of colour effects. The expressions were unstinted and unanimous.

History of the Bank. The Tientsin Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was first established in 1881 in the Victoria Road and the present move is the fifth in its history of nearly half a century's work in the town. The site on the Bund, now being evacuated, was opened on February 24, 1893, when a banquet was given in honour of His Excellency the then Viceroy of Chihli, Li Hung-chang.

The year 1900 was an ill-omened one for China, but the Bank was fortunate in not having suffered greater losses than those consequent on the practically complete stoppage of business in North China. During this period the Peking office was burnt down and the office in Tientsin suffered severely from shell fire.

"I CAN EXPLAIN." HUMOUROUS FILM AT WORLD THEATRE.

Gareth Hughes scored a triumph in "I Can Explain" to be screened at the World Theatre to-day and tomorrow. Edgar Franklin, who wrote "I Can Explain," under the title of "Stay Home," has supplied an ideal screen story full of adventure, excitement and rollicking humour.

Gareth Hughes plays the role of Jimmy Berry, junior partner in the firm of Dawson & Berry, who plan to open a branch in a South American port. Jimmy finds himself in a mess of complications when he is accused by his partner of attempting to take his wife, Dorothy Dawson, from him. It is at this point that the explanations begin, but they do not end until all three have reached South America, where life is just one surprise and explanation after another. But it's rattling good fun and in addition there are thrills and excitement and a climax that tops off the whole plot in splendid fashion.

In addition to Mr. Hughes the cast in "I Can Explain" includes Grace Darmond, Earline Burkett, Herbert Hayes, Victor (Slim) Potel, Harry Lorraine, Nelson McDowell and many others. It is a George D. Baker production for S-L (Arthur Sawyer and Herbert Lubin), released by Metro.

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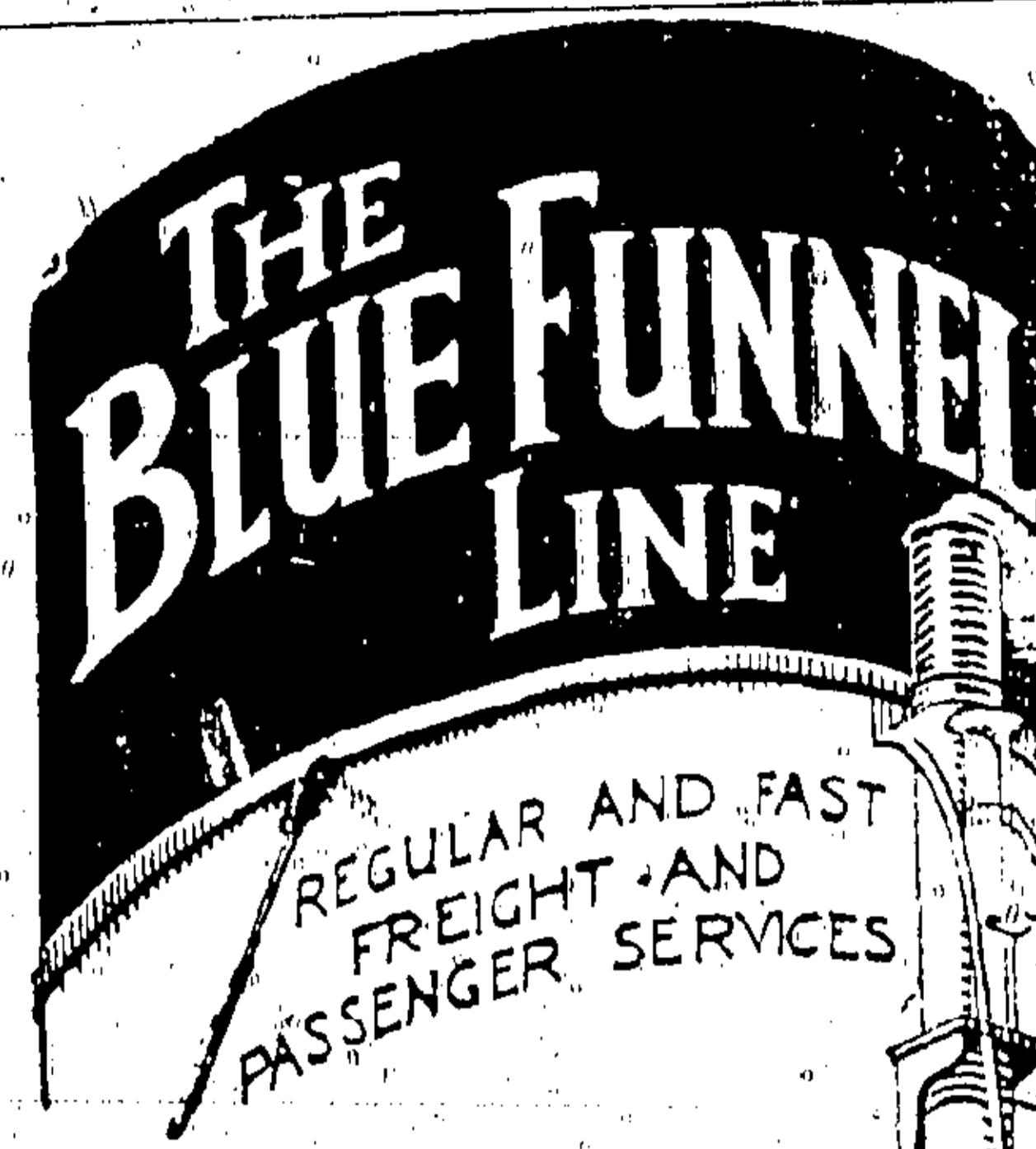
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U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Pres. Fierce,
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. St. Albans
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. Empress of Russia

Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai Empress of Russia

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Manila Pres. Pierce

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2.45 p.m. Letters 9.30 p.m.
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Fort Bayard Tai Sh. Ma 12.30 p.m.
Hainhoo Tonkin 2.30 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

Nampan 1.30 p.m.
Soochow 1.30 p.m.
Pres. Fierce 1.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. SEPTEMBER 6. Minggang

Empress of Canada 1.30 p.m.
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Liman 6 p.m.

MANILA 1.30 p.m.
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Bangkok 1.30 p.m.
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PLAIN HINT.

CHURCHILL AND A NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

WILL MINERS ACT?

London, Aug. 31.

The coal debate, in the House of Commons, was preceded by the rejection by 285 votes to 100 of a motion of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in favour of adjournment till September 7, instead of November 9, as proposed by the Government.

Mr. MacDonald hoped that the conditions, which the Labour Party would reveal during the course of the debate, would enable the Government to get the two sides together.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply, said that the Government had no knowledge of any facts justifying Mr. MacDonald's hope.

Mr. MacDonald declared that the Government was responsible for the present situation. The Cabinet had been a most efficient and most loyal sub-committee of owners and had taken up every suggestion of the owners (Labour cheers.)

The Prime Minister's letter to America was unworthy of himself and his office. Mr. MacDonald declared that there must be a national agreement between the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation before negotiations could be opened.

Mr. MacDonald declared that the one thing required now was for the Government to get the two sides together or, if that failed, perhaps to look for some outside good influence to do so apart from the Government. (Labour cheers.)

Appeal to Nation?

Reuter's Lobby Correspondent says that Mr. MacDonald is thought to mean thereby an appeal to the nation by the King.

Sir A. Steel Mainland declared that the tone of Mr. MacDonald's speech was most regrettable and emphasised that the Government was ready to act as soon as one side showed willingness to make a really substantial proposal.

Independent Arbitrator?

Mr. H. Wragg (Conservative, Belper) suggested the appointment of an independent arbitrator in the person of Mr. Herbert Samuel.

Lieut.-Col. C. M. Headlam (Conservative, Barnard Castle) said that it was time new negotiators were chosen by both sides to enable them to get together, as they might easily do, seeing that their differences were not so great.

A Delusion?

Mr. D. Lloyd George said that the time had come for the Government again to submit its own proposals, for it was a delusion to anticipate the immediate collapse of the stoppage.

No Difficulty.

Mr. Winston Churchill said that the question of hours and wages was no longer an insuperable obstacle. He did not see the slightest difficulty in the way of a settlement. He still hoped that the miners' delegate conference would produce some tangible proposals. The Government was not excluded from the possibility of making fresh proposals itself if there was a desire for such by both sides or even by only one side, but this was doubtful, as the men at present only said: "Give us a subsidy" and the owners said: "Leave us alone."

A Good Sign.

It is noteworthy that the Opposition listened attentively to Mr. Churchill and even cheered references to the relation of district to national agreements, and his hint that the miners could secure backing for a national agreement if they proved reasonable on the question of hours and wages.

Mr. Churchill wound up the debate.

The Commons adjourned to November 9, unless it is convoked earlier to continue the Emergency Regulations.—Reuter.

Miners' Executive's Decision.

London, Aug. 31.

The Miners' Executive sat in London for three hours and decided by a narrow majority not to formulate any peace proposals, leaving the responsibility for this to the delegate conference on Wednesday.—Reuter.

HOPE DWINDLES.

Labourites Attack the Government.

Rugby, Aug. 31.

The Miners' Executive to-day decided by a narrow majority not to formulate any peace proposals for the consideration of the delegates' conference, but to leave the question for that body to consider free from any recommendations or suggestions by their Executive. Whether the delegates will agree to a modification of policy is doubtful.

Mr. Herbert Smith, the Miners' President, is credited with opposing any departure from the present policy, whilst Mr. A. J. Cook, the Miners' Secretary, has openly advocated the framing of fresh proposals to form the basis for renewed negotiations.

To-day's decision of the Executive is understood to have been taken in opposition to the advice tendered by the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Suggestion Resisted.

When the dispute was debated in the House of Commons to-day Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, urged that, as the miners' delegate conference was to meet on Thursday, Parliament should adjourn for a week only.

The Government resisted this motion, Mr. Winston Churchill stating that, even if some change of a beneficial character were pending, he considered it unlikely that the intervention of Parliament would be required. Parliament could be speedily summoned if necessary arose.

Does Basis Exist?

After attacking the attitude of the Government which, he said, had behaved throughout the dispute like a loyal sub-Committee of the owners, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald insisted on the necessity of a national agreement between the miners' and the owners' if the Government's work was to be resumed in a spirit of goodwill, co-operation, and hearty production. He believed that a basis for accommodation existed to get the two sides together in a meeting with an open agenda from which nothing would be barred.

Alternatively, the Government might get men of influence acceptable to both sides to mediate.

Notable Contributions.

Two notable contributions to the debate by private members were made by Mr. G. A. Spencer (Labourite, Broxbrook) and Mr. H. Wragg (Conservative, Belper).

Mr. Spencer, in advocating a national agreement, pointed out that accommodation would have to be made for varying minima in different districts. He wished that the miners had accepted the Coal Commission's report when it was offered to them. The essential conditions of peace were the recognition of economic factors by the men and the recognition of the men's point of view by the owners.

Mr. Wragg, who spoke as Chairman of a Colliery Company, expressed the opinion that the owners would be willing to have a national settlement with district variations. Failing settlement, he advocated compulsory arbitration.

Lloyd George's Gibe.

Mr. D. Lloyd George declared that the owners had gone back on their earlier proposals and were now insisting on district settlements. After charging the Government with impotence, he urged it to undertake the responsibility of making a definite suggestion on which negotiations could be reopened.

National Survey.

Concluding the debate, Mr. Winston Churchill said that the Government was determined to see that the Act recently passed as a means of obtaining the re-organisation and reconstruction of the coal industry was put into force with the utmost vigour.

Regarding criticisms of the eight-hours' measure the Government view was that within certain limits, at any rate during the temporary period, the question of hours and wages had to be so far interchangable that the mining population concerned might have the right of deciding in what form economic necessity should be met.

The object in view was to secure the greatest amount of employ-

ment and the largest sum of money to be paid in wages throughout the coal industry under decent conditions.

The Government wanted as few pits as possible to be closed, and said that the closing down should be a gradual process until new pits were developed to which unemployed miners could be moved. He could not himself see the slightest difficulty in reconciling the controversy regarding national or district settlements.

There must be notice taken of local conditions, and there ought to be a national survey of the whole process afterward, a national settlement within whose ambit district conditions had been properly embodied.

Hours and wages were no longer an insuperable obstacle if the differences connected with them were reduced to a very moderate proportion.

Then the question between national or district agreements should never be allowed to stand in the way of a settlement.

Although there was a greater disposition to take facts into account, nothing had yet been done which made it possible for the Government to promote fresh negotiations. He hoped that the miners' delegates' conference might produce something.

Government's Limitations.

He strongly repudiated Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's suggestion that the owners had exerted influence on the Government, adding: "Let the miners' leaders be armed with weapons of economic truths and we will see who presumes to stand in the way of a peaceful settlement."

The Government could only build a bridge if the material was provided from both sides. A fresh offer was indispensable. The difficulty of the problem did not lie in the making of a plan but in securing agreement for it, and powers were limited. They could legislate, but they could not compel the miners to work or the owners to keep the pits open.

If both sides were to say to the Government: "We will take your decision; give us the best advice you can for the reconstruction and settlement of the coal industry;" it would, in his opinion be an easy and rapid process to present a tolerable elastic and good working solution, at any rate for the temporary period through which the industry had to pass before it was reconstructed. There was at present nothing in the attitude of the parties calculated to make such an enterprise succeed.

Atmosphere Will Change.

But the atmosphere would change, and was perhaps changing. He asked the miners to make fresh proposals in any form, and through any channel they liked. The Government was ready to share the risk of seeing that such proposals received a fair chance if they were genuine and afforded, in the Government's view, a way to a settlement.

It was not part of the spirit of this country or of the policy of the present Government to win a strike at the expense of one section of the community over another. Britain was Britain because things were less frequently fought out to a bitter end than in any country in the world, and because the people did not press their rights to extremes as they did in many other countries. The Government would allow no party consideration or personal prejudices to influence its actions, but it must not be asked to take sides against arithmetic or the obvious facts of the situation.

—British Wireless Service.

CURRENCY.

SUPPLY AND CONTROL IN PALESTINE.

Rugby, August 31.

The Colonial Secretary has appointed a Board to introduce local Palestinian currency based on the pound sterling and generally to provide for and control the supply of currency in Palestine.—British Wireless Service.

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